

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph [0002] on page 1, with the following amended paragraph:

[0002]

There has been conventionally conducted a trial to condense or collimate light from a diffusion light source using an optical film having a flat front surface or to control a transmittance of light therefrom in a specific direction of the optical film having a flat front surface. A typical example of such a trial is a method in which a bright line light source is combined with a band pass filter (see, for example, a publication of JP-A No. 6-235900, a publication of JP-A No. 2-158289, a publication of JP-A No. 10-321025, a specification of USP 6307604, a specification of DE 3836955 A, a specification of DE ~~422028~~ 4222028 A, a specification of EP 578302 A, a specification of US 2002/34009 A and a pamphlet of WO 02/25687 A1). There has been proposed a method in which a band pass filter is disposed on a CRT, or a display with a light source emitting a bright line such as electroluminescence to thereby condense and collimate light; or the like (see, for example, a ~~specification of US 2001/521643 A, a specification of US 2001/516066 A~~ publication of JP-A No. 2001-521643, a publication of JP-A No. 2001-526066, a specification of US 2002/036735 A, a publication of JP-A No. 2002-90535 and a publication of JP-A No. 2002-258048).

Please replace paragraph [0133] with the following amended paragraph:

[0133]

In order to, giving consideration to a retardation of ~~a circularly polarized light reflective polarizer~~ (a) the polarizing element (A) as described above, correct the retardation, a retardation layer (C) gives retardation to incident light in a direction inclined from the normal direction. A retardation given from retardation layer (C) to incident light in an oblique direction is properly adjusted so as to be adapted for the polarizing element (A).

Please replace paragraph [0154] with the following amended paragraph:

[0154]

In Figs. 16 to 19, there are exemplified liquid crystal displays. ~~In Figs. 16 to 19, the optical element (Y) is exemplified used.~~ There are shown a reflecting plate (RF) together with a light source (L). Fig. 16 shows a case where a direct under type backlight (L) is employed as a light source (L). Fig. 17 shows a case where a sidelight type light source (L) is employed as a light guide plate (S). Fig. 18 shows a case where a surface light source (L) is employed. Fig. 19 shows a case where a prism sheet (Z) is employed.

Please replace the paragraph [0234] with the following amended paragraph:

[0234]

(Optical Element (X))

An optical element (X4) was obtained in a similar way to that in Example 1 with the exception that in Example 1, the polarizing element (A1-4) was employed instead of the polarizing element ~~(A1-4)~~ (A1-1).